

Program C: Scholarships/Grants

Program Authorization: Paul Douglas Scholarships- P.L. 98-558, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership– P.L. 99-498; LA R.S. 17:3031, Rockefeller Scholarships – Act 707 of 1989 and LASFAC’s agreement with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; LAR.S. 56:797d, Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Program – Act 547 of 1995; LA R.S. 17:3046, Tuition Payment Program for Medical School Students – Act 281 of 1997.

Program Description

The mission of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to administer state and federal scholarships, grant and tuition savings programs to maximize the opportunities for Louisiana students to pursue their postsecondary educational goals.

The goal of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to effectively and efficiently administer assigned programs in compliance with statutory authority and regulation.

The Scholarship/Grants Program includes the following activities:

1. Paul Douglas Scholarships - Federal funding for scholarship awards was rescinded for the 1995-96 fiscal year and has not been funded for subsequent years. However, under current federal guidance, the agency must assure that former recipients complete their obligation by teaching or repayment.
2. Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) - Provides need-based grants to academically qualified students. Each college and university establishes the annual award amount within the limits established by this agency. This federal program requires a state match and mandates that the non-federal share of the total amount of these grants shall come through direct state appropriations. The reauthorized Higher Education Act replaces the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) with the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program, which is essentially a continuation of the SSIG.
4. Rockefeller Scholarship Program - Annually provides 60 scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to Louisiana residents engaged in the study of wildlife, forestry, or marine science at Louisiana colleges and universities. Repayment of funds received is required if a student fails to successfully complete the prescribed course of study.
5. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) - A college savings plan which awards an earnings enhancement as an incentive for families to save for the projected future costs of their children's postsecondary education.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$2,516,742	\$2,510,300	\$2,510,300	\$2,523,927	\$2,496,879	(\$13,421)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	53,500	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	444,209	1,059,517	1,059,517	1,077,578	1,066,565	7,048
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$3,014,451	\$3,629,817	\$3,629,817	\$3,661,505	\$3,623,444	(\$6,373)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$520,393	\$505,952	\$505,952	\$507,351	\$520,322	\$14,370
Other Compensation	14,327	21,665	21,665	21,665	21,665	0
Related Benefits	104,200	118,568	118,568	133,744	129,209	10,641
Total Operating Expenses	288,048	255,056	255,056	267,808	229,172	(25,884)
Professional Services	149,985	193,256	193,256	198,068	193,256	0
Total Other Charges	1,925,400	2,529,820	2,529,820	2,532,869	2,529,820	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	12,098	5,500	5,500	0	0	(5,500)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$3,014,451	\$3,629,817	\$3,629,817	\$3,661,505	\$3,623,444	(\$6,373)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	15	16	16	16	16	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	16	16	16	16	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from award fees used to defray the costs related to processing scholarships and grants. The Statutory Dedication is the sixty (60) \$1,000 scholarships from the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund for students studying wildlife, forestry and marine sciences. This fund is created in La. R.S. 56:797A.(2) from mineral revenues. (Per R.S. 39:36B. (8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund.) Federal funds include the following: (1) the Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership (LEAP) which replaced the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) for needy, academically qualified students; and (2) the Paul Douglas scholarships to encourage in individuals to pursue teaching careers.

	ACTUAL	ACT 13	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund	\$53,500	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$2,510,300	\$3,629,817	16	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
\$2,510,300	\$3,629,817	16	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
\$2,840	\$9,888	0	Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
(\$5,500)	(\$5,500)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$18,966	\$18,966	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$10,893)	(\$10,893)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$25,884)	(\$25,884)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$7,050	\$7,050	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
\$2,496,879	\$3,623,444	16	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$2,496,879	\$3,623,444	16	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$2,496,879	\$3,623,444	16	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$193,256 Student Tuition and Revenue Trust Program (START) Advertising

\$193,256 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$371,203	Louisiana Opportunity Loan Program
\$60,000	START Earnings Enhancements (formerly TAGS)
\$1,954,617	Leveraging Education Assistance Program (LEAP)
\$50,000	Paul Douglas Scholarship Program

\$2,435,820 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$30,640	Rent in State Owned Buildings
\$10,000	LETA Services
\$7,540	Legislative Auditor
\$223	Uniform Payroll
\$867	State Civil Service
\$5,312	State Register
\$318	Office of Risk Management
\$39,100	Office of Telecommunications Management

\$94,000 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$2,529,820 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$0 There are no acquisitions and major repairs in this program for fiscal year 2003-2004

\$0 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS